New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD NJPDES General Permits for the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

Notice is hereby given that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department/NJDEP) is extending the comment period for four draft New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) General Permits. These permits are part of the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program, which is the primary focus of proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 7:14A that were published in the New Jersey Register on January 6, 2003 at 35 N.J.R. 169(a).

The four permits are the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141852), the Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141861), the Public Complex Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141879), and the Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141887). The Department held public hearings on these permits on February 13, 20, and 25, 2003.

The comment period for these draft permits was originally scheduled to close on March 7, 2003. The Department is extending the comment period by 31 days to Monday, April 7, 2003.

Written comments must be submitted in writing by certified mail (return receipt requested), or by other means which provides verification of the date of delivery to the Department, to Barry Chalofsky, P.P., Chief, or Attention: Comments on Public Notice NJ0141852 (Tier A Permit), Public Notice NJ0141861 (Tier B Permit), Public Notice NJ0141879 (Public Complex Permit), or Public Notice NJ0141887 (Highway Permit), Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, P.O. Box 029, Trenton, NJ 08625 by the close of the public comment period, which closes on April 7, 2003.

The Department will respond to all significant and timely comments upon issuance of the final permit decision. Each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice will receive notice of the Department's permit decision.